

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: July 10, 2013

Agenda Item: 2013 Elk License Quotas Outside the Biennial Quota Range

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Approval of Final Rule

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

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Background

Field surveys and analysis have identified one proposed quota change outside the biennial range adopted in February 2012. All other changes are within the adopted biennial quota ranges, and are not presented here. These adjustments, along with other season elements that are not proposed to change from 2012, are proposed for FWP Commission adoption.

ELK QUOTA CHANGES

799-80: Increase antlerless B licenses from 200 to 400

Public Involvement Process & Results

The public comment period for this proposal will run through 5 PM., Friday, July 5. As of June 25, FWP received 4 comments on this proposal. Two of the comments raised concerns over management issues related to land ownership, fire effects and other factors that were also considered in the justification. Two of the comments were directed at other areas and more general aspects of elk season frameworks in Montana.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP supports this 2013 adjustment outside the adopted quota range. This approach maintains the integrity of the adopted biennial ranges and, more important, adheres to survey-based management prescriptions.

Proposed Motion

I move the FWP Commission adopt the final adjustment to the 799-80 elk quota outside the biennial range as proposed by FWP.